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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE,
THE JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: Comment on A-SI 14.

1. I concur in A-SI 14 and congratulate the Conference Chairman on his conduct of the Conference and on the results achieved. The present estimate is, in my regard, sounder than any hitherto available with respect to this most difficult and important subject.

2. It is understood, of course, that there are passages in A-SI 14 which could be better expressed, but which take the form they do out of desire or necessity to meet the strong preferences of various participants wherever possible without affecting essential substance. This defect is inescapable in joint estimates and it would be futile to go over the same ground again in suggesting improvements in expression throughout so voluminous a document. My concurrence is based on the essential substance of the estimate as a whole, with particular reference to political, economic, and scientific matters and to the general conclusions.

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